

The Critique

- I. Critique Requirement
 - a. Critique Length: roughly one to two pages double spaced (12 font) and never more than three pages.
- II. Topic Selection & Article Sources
 - a. Articles assigned and/or chosen by student for providing research information about our studies.
- III. Critique Organization I Content
 - a. Cover Page Information
 - i. Course Title
 - ii. Your Name
 - iii. Title of Article & Author (s)
 - iv. Source of Article, i.e., title of periodical
 - v. Volume number, month, year, pages of source & article you read
 - b. Part I of Critique
 - i. Label Part 1 *Summary of Article*
 - ii. Part 1 should contain a brief summary of the main points of the article. It should be no longer than one page.
 - c. Part II of Critique
 - i. Label Part II *Critique of Article*
 - ii. Part II should contain your criticisms and comments on the positive and negative aspects of the article.
 - iii. Keep in mind, you should concern yourself more with criticizing the substance of the article and less with criticizing the subject (issue or problem) of the article.
 - iv. To assist you in writing the critique, you might ask yourself some of the following questions:
 - 1. Did I learn anything?
 - 2. Was the article comprehensive or did it leave out some important information?
 - 3. Did the author support his/herself with proof?
 - 4. If a research article, was the research adequate and the sampling procedures appropriate to make generalizations?
 - 5. Standard formats for research articles include an abstract (a brief statement of essential thoughts), introduction, methodology, results of findings and discussion with conclusions.
 - 6. In criticizing the article, support your comments with examples, illustrations or personal experiences. When appropriate, cite other literature sources in support of your comments. Be sure to integrate ideas or information from the textbook and/or other articles you read into your critique.